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TF-M split build

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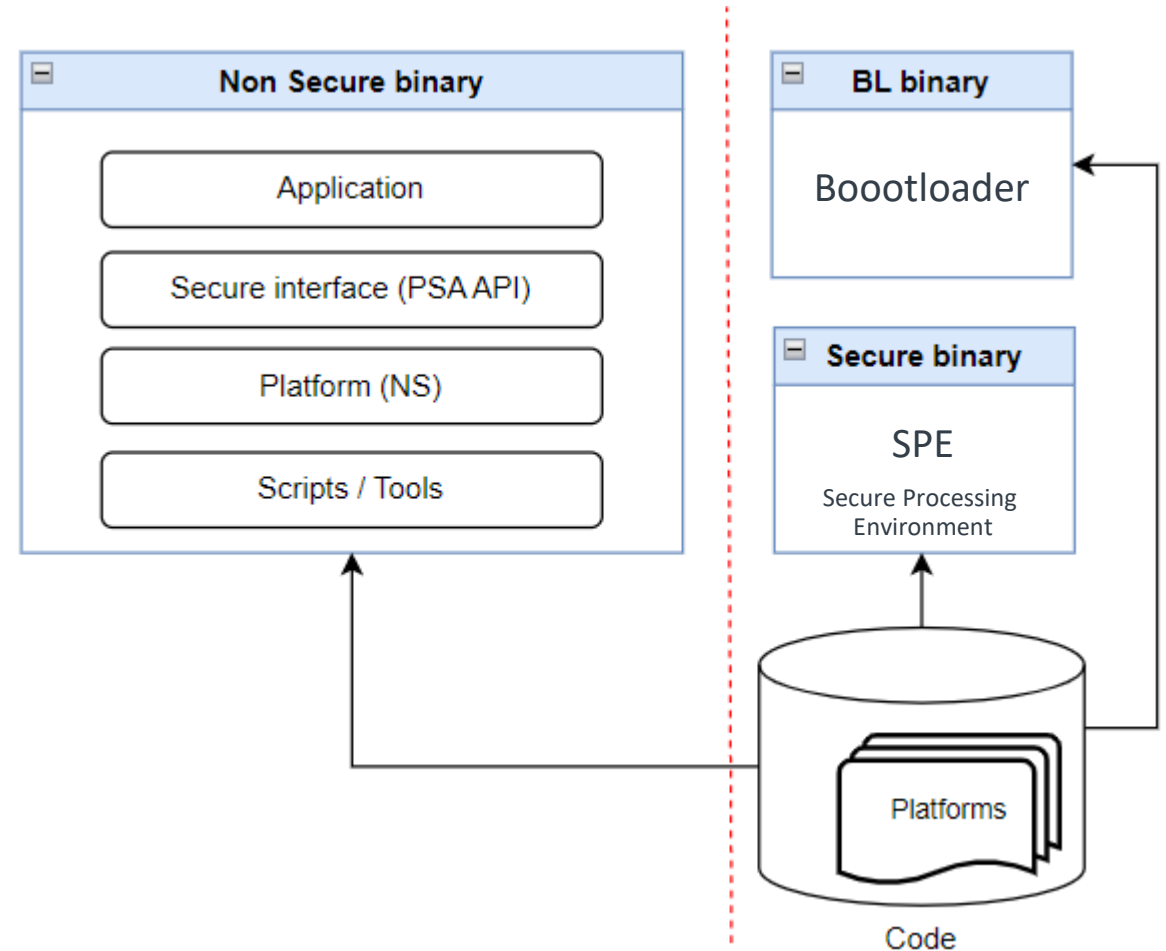
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Background and problem definition

- + A single build process for 3 binaries
- + Sharing config options leads to:
 - Large and complex configuration set
 - High entrance barrier for TF-M App developer
 - Maintenance difficulty
 - Error-prone and vulnerable to side-effects
- + Require tricks in CMake build script to support different CPUs on S and NS
- + Build starts from SPE - reverse logic
- + Can we reduce dependencies in this Client - Server scenario?
 - BL1, BL2 and S configurations are mainly defined by HW platform
 - Separate codebase for NS and S sides



Split build alternative

2 semi-independent projects

TF-M = SPE = Secure(S) side

- + Developer selects
 - A platform
 - Secure service set
- + A platform has highest config priority
 - CPU cores and HW capabilities
 - Memory layout and peripherals
- + Outputs = exports = installs
 - PSA interface
 - BLs, S binaries
 - Bin image tools (signing, merging)
 - NS toolchains

- NS platform
 - + Sources
 - + MCPU + Arch
- A platform specific

Application = Non-Secure(NS) side

- + An application code
- + Builds and links with NS platform sources
- + Combines with BL, S binaries
- + BLs and S
 - Stay the same
 - OEM can ship it in binaries
- + Is independent from S build
 - Toolchain and options
 - S source tree

Implementation

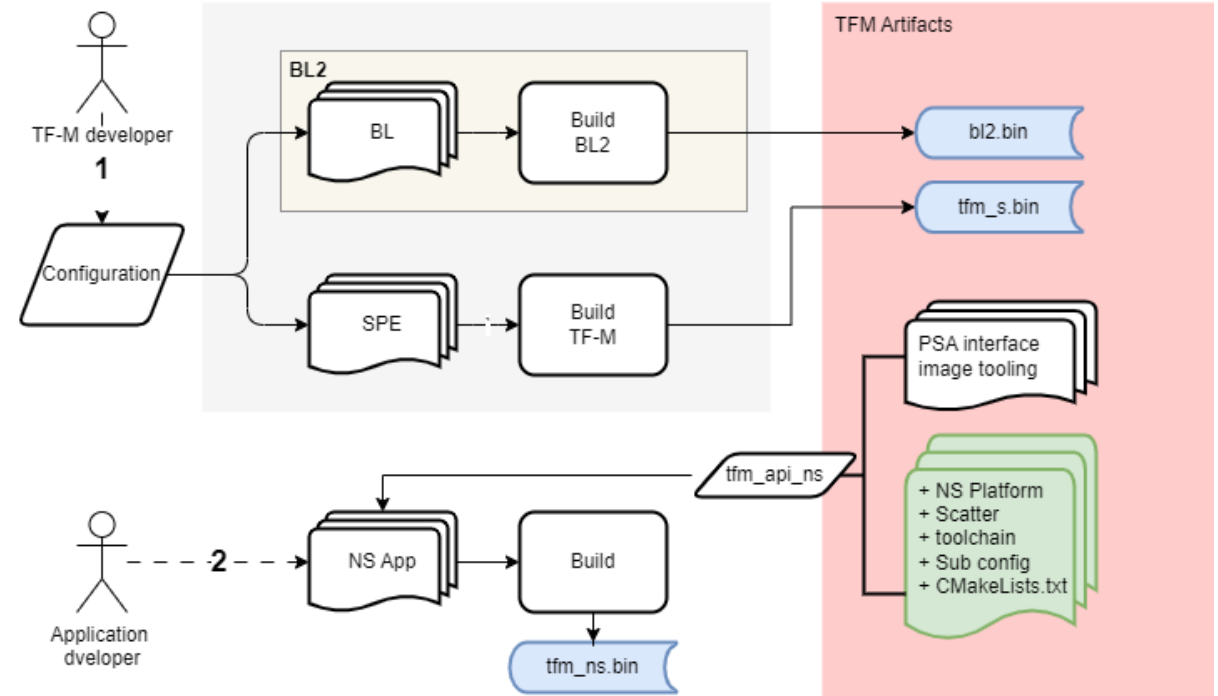
+ Installation script is extended to install:

- Common NS platform files
 - + CMSIS
 - + Toolchains
 - + Link scripts/scatters
 - + CMakeLists.txt for platform_ns
- spe_config.cmake
- spe_export.cmake
- CMakeLists.txt for SPE

+ A Platform installs

- NS platform sources
 - + Startup
 - + Drivers
- Linker script (scatter)

+ TF-M does not dictate how to build TF-M application



Configuration

Most of configuration options are on S side

S side

- + Configurations
 - Platform selection
 - Secure services
- + Config mechanisms
 - Kconfig
 - Predefined or custom profiles
 - CLI settings
- + A small subset of config options carried to NS application because:
 - A platform is selected
 - Partitions are defined

NS side

- + Nothing to configure for TF-M itself
- + App can retrieve some SPE options

- + /api_ns
 - bin
 - cmake
 - interface
 - platform
 - CMakeLists.txt

```
include(spe_config)
include(spe_export)

add_library(tfm_api_ns)

add_subdirectory(platform)

target_link_libraries(tfm_api_ns
    platform_ns
    tfm_config
)
```

spe_config - variables
spe_export - definitions
platform/CMakeLists
CMakeLists

Platform porting steps

- + Move S side **CPU** and **Arch** definitions from preload.cmake → config.cmake
- + Add installation instructions for NS platform sources to CMakeListst.txt.
 - Following destination variables are available:
 - + INSTALL_INTERFACE_INC_DIR - <dst>/interface/include
 - + INSTALL_INTERFACE_SRC_DIR - <dst>/interface/src
 - + INSTALL_INTERFACE_LIB_DIR - <dst>/interface/lib
 - + INSTALL_IMAGE_SIGNING_DIR - <dst>/image_signing
 - + INSTALL_CMAKE_DIR - <dst>/cmake
 - + INSTALL_PLATFORM_NS_DIR - <dst>/platform
- + All files from /ns/ folder will be installed. Those 2 are expected
 - ns/CMakeLists.txt - Script for building **platform_ns** target
 - ns/cpuarch.cmake - definitions of CPU and Arch
- + Remove
 - preload.cmake
 - Traces of platform_ns, NS from <tf-m platform>/CMakeListst.txt
- + Musca-B1 porting example:
<https://review.trustedfirmware.org/c/TF-M/trusted-firmware-m/+23468/>
- + Takes about 1 day (with a luck)

“Hello TF-M” demo app

Ref: [tf-m-extras/tf-m-example-ns-app](#) [not merged at the demo time]

Main.c

```
/*
 * Copyright (c) 2023, Arm Limited. All rights reserved.
 *
 * SPDX-License-Identifier: BSD-3-Clause
 */

#include "tfm_api.h"
#include "uart_stdout.h"
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    uint32_t fw_version;

    stdio_init();

    printf("Non-Secure system starting...\r\n");
    printf("Hello TF-M\r\n");

    fw_version = psa_framework_version();
    printf("Firmware version = %d.%d\r\n", fw_version >> 8, fw_version & 0xFF);

    while(1);
}
```

CMakeLists.txt

```
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# Copyright (c) 2023, Arm Limited. All rights reserved.
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#
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cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.15)

set(CONFIG_SPE_PATH /home/antkom01/hello-tfm/api_ns)

set(CROSS_COMPILE arm-none-eabi)
set(CMAKE_TOOLCHAIN_FILE ${CONFIG_SPE_PATH}/cmake/toolchain_ns_GNUARM.cmake)
list(APPEND CMAKE_MODULE_PATH ${CONFIG_SPE_PATH}/cmake)

project("TF-M Example" LANGUAGES C)

add_executable(tfm_ns
    ${CONFIG_SPE_PATH}/interface/src/os_wrapper/tfm_ns_interface_bare_metal.c
    main.c
)

add_subdirectory(${CONFIG_SPE_PATH} tfm-api-ns)
target_link_libraries(tfm_ns tfm_api_ns)
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Demo time

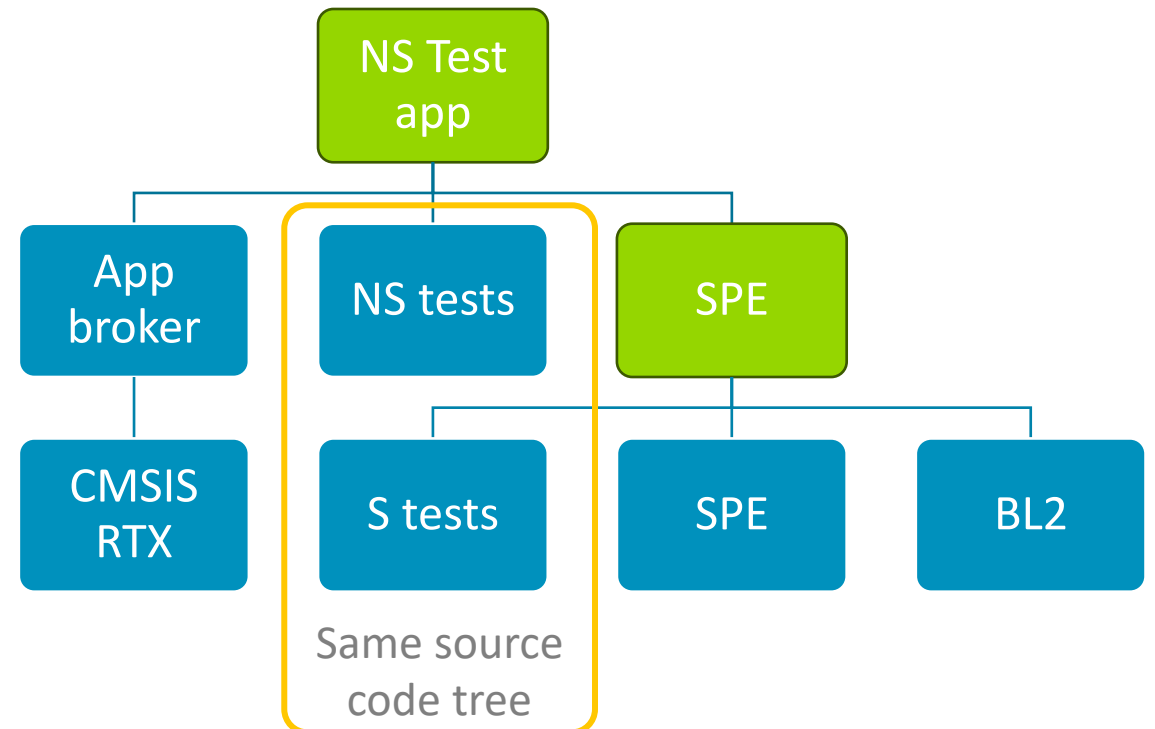
Tests

Are TF-M applications. Adopted and decoupled

Key changes

- + Now builds as independent TF-M applications
 - Regression tests
 - PSA-Arch tests
 - ERPC server
- + CONFIG_TFM_TEST_DIR
 - Included as sub_directory() into SPE build
- + NS Tests execution environment is gathered into app_broker target
- + Tests provides only entrance function:
 - void test_app(void *argument)

New structure



Current status

- + Ported to an521, Musca-B1, Musca-S1 platforms
- + Major regression tests and PSA Arch tests are passed on those platforms
 - Some tests (like FP) are not yet adapted
- + OpenCI is ready for basic testing on the staging environment
- + Changes are in **feature-build-split-v2** branches of **TF-M** and **tf-m-test** repositories
 - <https://review.trustedfirmware.org/c/TF-M/trusted-firmware-m/+23572>
 - <https://review.trustedfirmware.org/c/TF-M/tf-m-tests/+23209/>
- + Open technical questions
 - Repositories version's synchronization: TF-M ↔ tf-m-tests ↔ tf-m-extras
 - + Released versions are synched by tags
 - + Use manual synchronization in a daily work
 - Mechanism for platforms to influence on NS exports
 - + extend/redefine/overwrite common NS settings. No need so far but shall be useful in theory
- + TODO:
 - Port to remaining platforms
 - Add ArmClang and IAR toolchains support
 - Documentation
 - Port ERPC testing framework
 - Clean Code tree from the single build remains
 - + Deprecate obsolete config option

Discussion

+ Deployment method

1. One time switch in Nov 2023 release → TF-M v2.0.0
2. Offer a deprecation time, but:
 - + Overhead in maintaining 2 versions
 - + Potential conflicts between them
 - + Which version to test in CI

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Thank You

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